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## MISSISSIPPI RIVER OIL SPILL RESPONSE UPDATE

**NEW ORLEANS** - Efforts to clean up and contain the nearly 420,000 gallons of oil spilled in the Mississippi River continue Monday.

The following is the latest information:

- Ships are moving through the river at a faster pace. Thirty vessels were moved in or out of the effected areas Sunday and 60 vessels are expected to be moved today.
- More than 72,000 gallons of an oil/water mix has been recovered to date.
- Approximately 1,584 responders from four oil spill response organizations are currently deployed throughout the region affected by the spill.
- The responders are using approximately three tugs, 166 work boats, six barges, 33 skimmers and 17 vacuum trucks to clean up the spill.
- Approximately 200,000 feet of boom is deployed.
- All water intakes are open except one near Boothville, close to mile marker 19.
- A plan to salvage the barge has been approved and is being implemented.
- 58 vessels have been decontaminated and released and operations are accelerating
- The Unified Command is working diligently to ensure personal safety, to expedite pollution cleanup and to resume commercial traffic as soon as possible.
- An incident Web site has been established at [www.neworleansoilspill.com](http://www.neworleansoilspill.com)
- Oiled wildlife can be reported by calling 504-393-0353.

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